Fox Chevrolet, Inc.

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 92-509-A

Petitioner * * * * * * * * * * *

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Fox Chevrolet, Inc., by and through their attorney, Charles B. Heyman, Esquire. The Petitioner requests relief from Section 413.2(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit three (3) identification signs of 679.6 sq.ft. total in lieu of the permitted 100 sq.ft., and from Section 413.5(d) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a height for Sign 1 of 26 feet and a height for Sign 3 of 38.16 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet for each, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing and testifying on behalf of the Petitioner were Charles S. Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer, Douglas L. Kennedy, Professional Engineer, and Mickey Cornelius, Traffic Engineering Expert with The Traffic Group, Inc. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 6621 Baltimore National Pike, consists of a gross area of 8.0 acres, zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a one-story building consisting of a new and used car showroom, parts and service departments, office space, and associated parking in connection with the business known as Fox Automotive. The Petitioner is desirous of bringing a Lincoln Mercury dealership to the

subject site and plans to construct a 4473 sq.ft. addition on the northwest side of the existing building to provide additional automotive service bays and parts storage. Pursuant to their franchise agreement, the Petitioner is required to erect a Ford Lincoln Mercury sign on the premises. Testimony and evidence presented indicated that the proposed Ford Lincoln Mercury sign is the same size and design as those at other Lincoln Mercury dealerships in the metropolitan Baltimore area and that without the requested relief, practical difficulty will result. Currently, there are two signs on the property. Sign 1 identifying the Hyundai Fox dealership, contains 189.0 sq.ft. total, and is 26 feet in height. Sign 2 identifying the Fox Used Discount Center, contains 168.0 sq.ft. total and is 25 feet in height. Testimony indicated that the requested variance from height limitations for existing Sign 1 and proposed Sign 3 is necessary due to site limitations and the grade of the road at this location. Further testimony indicated that the remaining variances are necessary to bring existing Signs 1 and 2 into compliance with current zoning regulations.

Mickey Cornelius testified that the existing and proposed signs will pose no detriment to traffic travelling along Baltimore National Pike in this area. Mr. Cornelius testified that the subject signage will enhance public safety by allowing potential customers the opportunity to identify the dealership in sufficient time to negotiate the turn into the property.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a

Petition for Variance

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permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 23 May of September, 1992 that the Petition for

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Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 413.2(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit three (3) identification signs of 679.6 sq.ft. total in lieu of the permitted 100 sq.ft., and from Section 413.5(d) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a height for Sign 1 of 26 feet and a height for Sign 3 of 38.16 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet for each, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) The variance granted herein is limited to the existing Signs 1 and 2 and the proposed Sign 3 for Ford Lincoln Mercury, all of which are more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The Petitioner is prohibited from replacing any of these signs with a sign of another automobile manufacturer unless the replacement sign is approved by way of another public hearing.

> Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

September 23, 1992

Charles B. Heyman, Esquire 20 S. Charles Street, 10th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE S/S Baltimore National Pike, 1650' W of the c/l of Norwood Drive (6621 Baltimore National Pike) 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District Fox Chevrolet, Inc. - Petitioner Case No. 92-509-A

Dear Mr. Heyman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3351.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY MAKOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

cc: People's Counsel

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 6621 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore County which is presently sened BR/PR-5.5 This Puttion shall be filled with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 413.2(f) to allow 3 signs (sign #1 existing, sign #2 existing and to be relocated and sign #3 to be erected) having a total area of 679.6 square feet in lieu of a total area of 100 square feet and from § 413.5d to allow a total sign height for sign #1 of 26 feet, in lieu of 25 feet and a total sign height for sign #3 of 38.16 feet in lieu of 25 feet, all as shown on the Plat filed in this proceeding. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or 1. Lot grade and frontage and existing highway width and grade. 2. Other reasons to be shown at Hearing in this matter. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. FOX CHEVROLET, INC. 6633 Security Blvd. 265-7777 Baltimore, Md. 21207 Baltimore, Md. 21201

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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR FOX LINCOLN MERCURY

BEGINNING at a point on the South side of Baltimore National Pike (U.S. Route 40) which is 150 feet wide at the distance of 1650 feet more or less West of the centerline of Nuwood Drive which is 70 feet wide; thence the following courses and distances:

South 26 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds West, 318.80 feet; North 80 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds West, 627.20 feet; North 26 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds East 691.32 feet to a curve to the left having a central angle of 4 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds and a radius of 7714.44 feet and a back tangent bearing South 41 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East; Along said curve an arc distance of 630.13 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING as recorded in Deed Liber 6407 at Folio 784 and containing 6.899 acres. Also known as 6621 Baltimore National Pike and located in the 1st Election District.

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Posted by S. J. Arata	Date of return: July 34, 1992

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of _____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on ________, 1914

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Western Sector Route 40, west of the Beltway. If redevelopment opportunities arise, the possibility of an auto park plasa could be an appropriate use in this area. No additional commercial soning Alabama Ave should be granted during the 1992 soning process. 2. Redesign the Beltway interchange at Route 40 to provide better access to Westview Hall, thereby encouraging redevelopment of 3. The fledgling Gateway West community association should be given County support and encouragement as they proceed with their Route 40 streetscape enhancement efforts. City Line to I-695 (Belto Blve)
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most activity in terms of commercial and industrial development, it projects an image that needs to be corrected. Beltimore County has maintained a counitment to the merchants along Reisterstown Road and Liberty Road that it will not place or encourage new competing shopping centers throughout the Owings Mills development area. While some minor neighborhood compercial services may be required, it was the object of the Flan to encourage the new residents of Owings Mills to patromiss the established businesses along the two corridors. Baltimore County has essentially kept its promise not to empend business soming outside the commercial core of the Owings Mills Growth Area. Despite the transmious business possibilities this has opened for owners of properties along Reisterstown Road, little has been done to date to improve the quality of existing premises. This stretch of the corridor has not put itself in a position to take full advantage of the Growth Area's proximity.

Actions:

1. A corridor plan should be prepared with the active participation of local businesses to identify methods of improving site and building quality, signage, landscaping and accessibility. Subject to staffing limitations, Baltimore County will assist in plan implementation by means of technical/design assistance and, where feasible, in funding certain aspects of approved physical improvements.

Uses with similar problems and goals should be concentrated to provide identity and character. Coordinated efforts of promotion and marketing would facilitate revitalization. A combination of these and other similar actions may be required to improve the profitability of corridor businesses, and enable property owners to provide the quality of commercial services necessary to support expected growth in Owings Mills. The alternative may be a decision to provide the necessary services at key locations inside the growth area itself.

The northern end of the Reisterstown Road corridor comprises the segment within the Village of Reisterstown. This area has its own charm and ambience. It is an area which will be the subject of strong development prospects over the coming decede, as the neighboring Owings Mills Growth Area is built. The preparation of a village plan is required to ensure change is managed in a sensitive meaner and the unique qualities of the village are retained.

An excellent plan was prepared for Baisterstown by consultants in association with the County and local citizens. Unfortunately this award winning plan was never formally adopted due to dissension within the community.

ACTION:

The plan for Reisterstown should be updated in light of possible development impacts generated from Owings Mills. However, there needs to be significant support from all sections of the community prior to any expenditure of County funds and staff time.

ISSUE: Beltimore Metional Pike

The historic Baltimore Mational Pike, now widened into the four-lane U.S. 40 is a commercial corridor that stretches approximately four miles from the Baltimore City line to the Boward County line. Although it is bisected by the Baltimore Beltway, both segments contain similar types of commercial uses, with automobile-related uses predominating.

As regional malls such as Security Square, Columbia and Harley's Station gain in popularity, the retail stature of Boute 40 declines. The everabundance of competing commercial uses, which contribute to visual clutter, a multitude of curb cuts and thraining movements, minimal landscaping and high tenant turnover, was cited as the prime reason for converting essentially the entire Boute 40 segment between the City and the Beltway to single block of major business commercial center soning during the 1988 Comprehensive Soning Process. The intent was to consolidate the soning to stimulate and facilitate redevelopment. In addition, this soning classification offers incontives for mixed-use development.

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700 East Joppa Road Suite 901
Towson, MD 21204-5500 JUNE 19, 1992

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Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: FOX CHEVROLET, INC.

Location: #6621 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE

Item No.: +513 (JJS) Zoning Agenda: JUNE 22, 1992

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWER: Planning Group
Special Inspection Division

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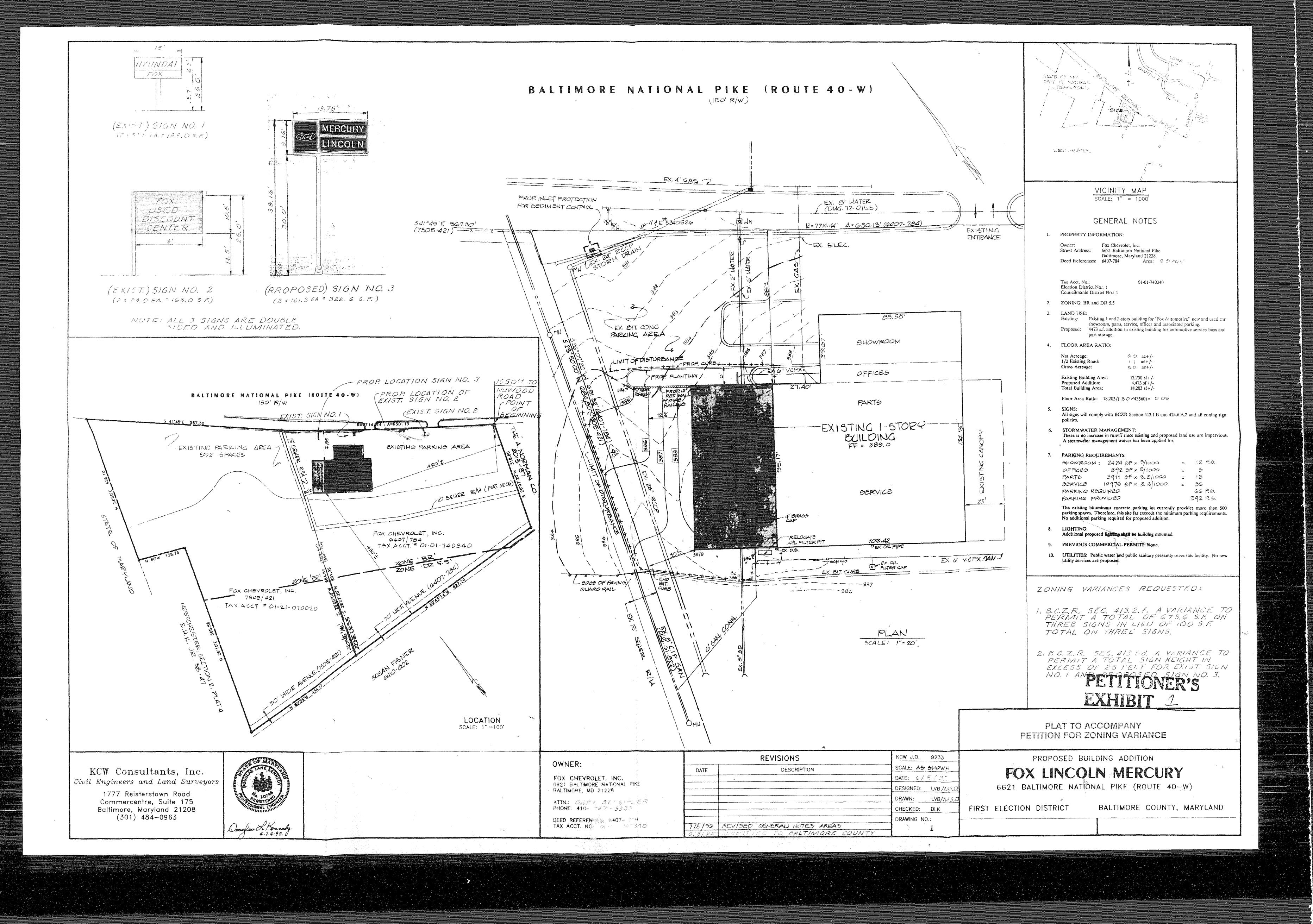


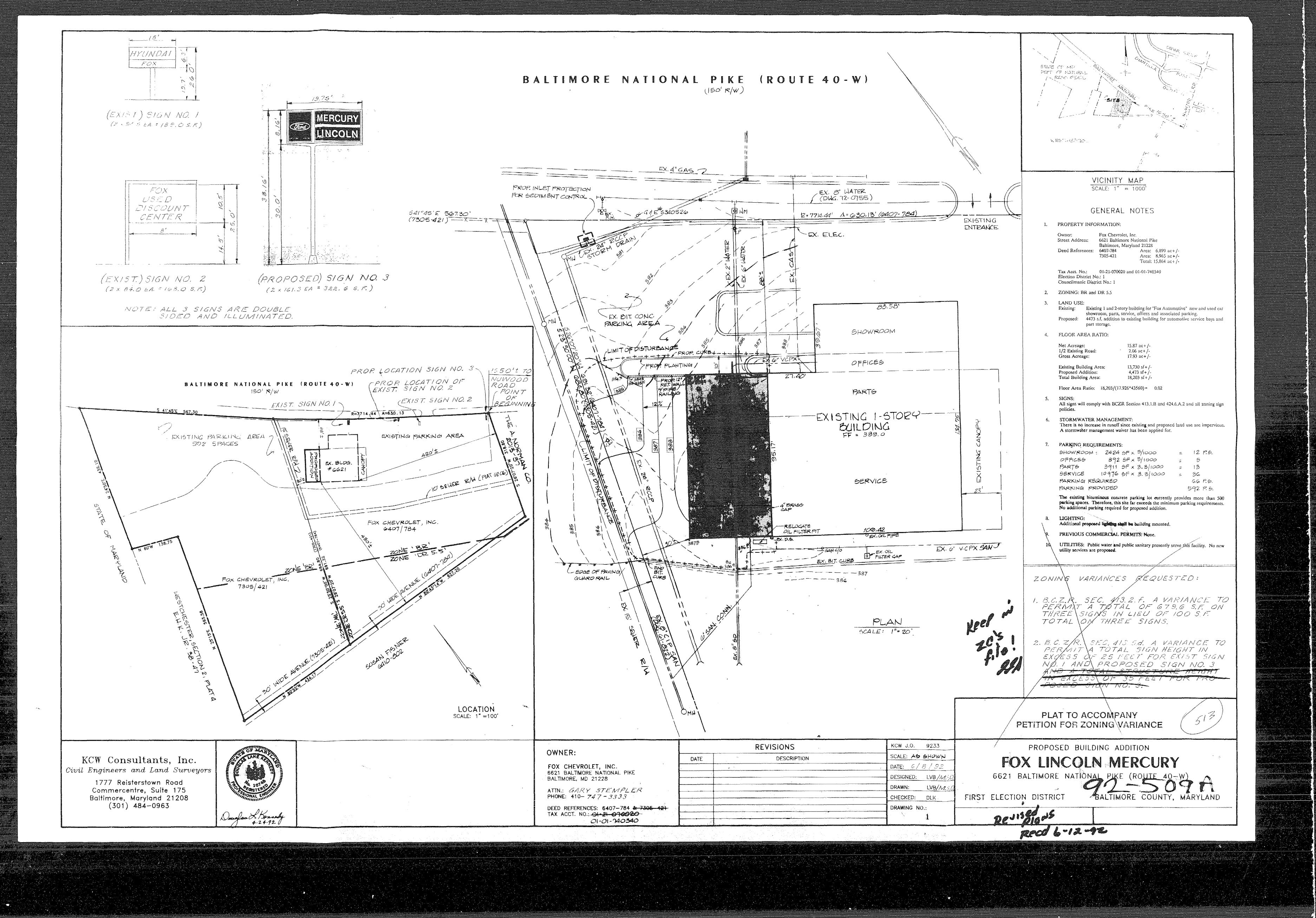
August 5, 1992 Mr. Charles Goldberg Fox Hyundai 6631 Baltimore National Pike Baltimore, MD 21228 RE: Fox Hyundai Primary Sign Dear Charles, It has come to my attention that you are considering altering your Hyundai primary sign by adding or splitting the sign with Lincoln Mercury and/or used cars. Please be advised that any alteration of your primary sign is a violation of Paragraph 16B(2)(o) of your Dealer Sales and Service Agreement and could result in the termination of the Hyundai franchise. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Very truly yours, Mike Parkins Mike Perkins Market Representation Manager cc: B. Harkins

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Northeast Region Sales & Marketing Office Lincoln-Mercury Division Ford Motor Company P.O. Box 5052 Mt. Laurer 1:J 08054 August 7, 1992 Mr. Charles Goldberg Fox Lincoln Mercury 6633 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21207 Dear Mr. Goldberg, As a condition of the Lincoln and Mercury Sales and Service Agreements which you signed May 1, 1992, you must provide appropriate company signage. Under the terms of the Lincoln Mercury Sign Contract you are not permitted to attach any item including other forms of dealership identification to the brand sign. If you do not provide company signage or if any miscellaneous items are attached to the Lincoln Mercury brand sign, you will be in violation of the Sales and Service Agreements and will be subject to termination of your







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County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 2120+

(410) 887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this

Petitioner: Fox Chevrolet, et al

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management
Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

DATE: 7/21/92

Fox Chevrolet, Inc. 6633 Security Blvd. Baltimore, Maryland 21207

92-509-1 (Item 513) S/S Baltimore Metional Pike, 1650' W of c/l Mosmod Drive 6621 Baltimore Metional Pike 1st Election District - 1st Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Fox Chevrolet, Inc. HEARING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Building.

Dear Petitioner(s):

is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property and hearing date.

THIS PER HOST BE PAID AND THE ZORING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please forward your check via return sail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesspeake Avenue, Room 109, Toumon, Haryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make same payable to Baltimore County, Haryland. In order to avoid delay of the issuence of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this metter is suggested.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: June 26, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for June 29, 1992 Item Total

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The proposed addition is subject to compliance with the Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

Developers Engineering Division

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

JULY 6, 1992

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herain in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Haryland 21204 as follows:

92-509-A (Item 513) S/S Baltimore National Pike, 1650' W of c/l Numood Drive 6621 Baltimore National Pike 1st Election District - 1st Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Fox Chevrolet, Inc. HEARING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Building.

Variance to allow 3 signs (sign #1 existing, sign #2 existing and to be relocated and sign #3 to be erected) having a total sign area of 679.6 sq. ft. in lieu of a total area of 100 sq. ft.; and to allow a total height for sign #1 of 26 feet, in lieu of 25 ft., and a total sign height for sign #3 of 38.16 ft., in lieu of 25 ft.

cc: Fox Chevrolet, Inc.

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 1, 1992

SUBJECT: Fox Chevrolet

SUPPLARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

lieu of 25 feet for sign #3.

FROM: Office of Planning and Zoning

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quest subject to the following recommendations.

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Fox Chevrolet

Zoning Administration & Development Management

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow 3 signs having a total area of 679.6 square feet in lieu of a total area of 100 square feet and to allow a

height for sign #1 of 26 feet in lieu of 25 feet and a height of 38.16 feet in

The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends APPROVAL of the petitioner's re-

The Baltimore County Master Plan 1989-2000 refers to the abundance of visual

clutter along Route 40 West where this site is located. The petitioner's request will worsen the existing problems along this corridor. The office's area planner

visited the site and found the sight lines, approaching from both directions, to be adequate. The height variance request, therefore, is not necessary for sign identification purposes. The Office of Planning and Zoming has no objection to a

sign identifying a new type of automobile, however, we do have reservations regarding the size and height of the proposed sign. Currently, there are two other signs on this property and each one exceeds the 100 square foot maximum allowed. One sign exceeds the maximum by 89 square feet, the other by 68 square feet and

they both were the subject of a sign variance. The new sign will exceed the

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July 20, 1992

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Charles B. Heyman, Esquire 20 S. Charles Street, 10th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201

> RE: Item No. 513, Case No. 92-509-A Petitioner: Fox Chevrolet, et al Petition for Variance

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

maximum amount allowed by 222 square feet. As stated previously, there is not a need for a sign of this dimension and height. A possible solution to eliminating the oversized signs cluttering this particular site is to combine one or both of the existing signs onto the proposed new sign with some reduction in the overall signage being achieved.

In addition, the County through the development process has upgraded several projects along Route 40 between the beltway and the Patapsco River. Landscaping and street trees should be provided along the Route 40 street frontage.

The staff would be willing to work with the petitioner prior to the Zoning Commissioner issuance of Findings of Fact in order to reach a suitable compromise.

Petitioner's Attorney: Charles B. Heyman

9th day of June, 1992

Western Sector Route 40, west of the Beltway. If redevelopment opportunities arise, the possibility of an auto park plasa could be an appropriate use in this area. No additional commercial soning Alabama Ave should be granted during the 1992 soning process. 2. Redesign the Beltway interchange at Route 40 to provide better access to Westview Hall, thereby encouraging redevelopment of 3. The fledgling Gateway West community association should be given County support and encouragement as they proceed with their Route 40 streetscape enhancement efforts. City Line to I-695 (Belto Blve)
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most activity in terms of commercial and industrial development, it projects an image that needs to be corrected. Beltimore County has maintained a counitment to the merchants along Reisterstown Road and Liberty Road that it will not place or encourage new competing shopping centers throughout the Owings Mills development area. While some minor neighborhood compercial services may be required, it was the object of the Flan to encourage the new residents of Owings Mills to patromiss the established businesses along the two corridors. Baltimore County has essentially kept its promise not to empend business soming outside the commercial core of the Owings Mills Growth Area. Despite the transmious business possibilities this has opened for owners of properties along Reisterstown Road, little has been done to date to improve the quality of existing premises. This stretch of the corridor has not put itself in a position to take full advantage of the Growth Area's proximity.

Actions:

1. A corridor plan should be prepared with the active participation of local businesses to identify methods of improving site and building quality, signage, landscaping and accessibility. Subject to staffing limitations, Baltimore County will assist in plan implementation by means of technical/design assistance and, where feasible, in funding certain aspects of approved physical improvements.

Uses with similar problems and goals should be concentrated to provide identity and character. Coordinated efforts of promotion and marketing would facilitate revitalization. A combination of these and other similar actions may be required to improve the profitability of corridor businesses, and enable property owners to provide the quality of commercial services necessary to support expected growth in Owings Mills. The alternative may be a decision to provide the necessary services at key locations inside the growth area itself.

The northern end of the Reisterstown Road corridor comprises the segment within the Village of Reisterstown. This area has its own charm and ambience. It is an area which will be the subject of strong development prospects over the coming decede, as the neighboring Owings Mills Growth Area is built. The preparation of a village plan is required to ensure change is managed in a sensitive meaner and the unique qualities of the village are retained.

An excellent plan was prepared for Baisterstown by consultants in association with the County and local citizens. Unfortunately this award winning plan was never formally adopted due to dissension within the community.

ACTION:

The plan for Reisterstown should be updated in light of possible development impacts generated from Owings Mills. However, there needs to be significant support from all sections of the community prior to any expenditure of County funds and staff time.

ISSUE: Beltimore Metional Pike

The historic Baltimore Mational Pike, now widened into the four-lane U.S. 40 is a commercial corridor that stretches approximately four miles from the Baltimore City line to the Boward County line. Although it is bisected by the Baltimore Beltway, both segments contain similar types of commercial uses, with automobile-related uses predominating.

As regional malls such as Security Square, Columbia and Harley's Station gain in popularity, the retail stature of Boute 40 declines. The everabundance of competing commercial uses, which contribute to visual clutter, a multitude of curb cuts and thraining movements, minimal landscaping and high tenant turnover, was cited as the prime reason for converting essentially the entire Boute 40 segment between the City and the Beltway to single block of major business commercial center soning during the 1988 Comprehensive Soning Process. The intent was to consolidate the soning to stimulate and facilitate redevelopment. In addition, this soning classification offers incontives for mixed-use development.

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Director
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Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: FOX CHEVROLET, INC.

Location: #6621 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE

Item No.: +513 (JJS) Zoning Agenda: JUNE 22, 1992

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWER: Planning Group
Special Inspection Division

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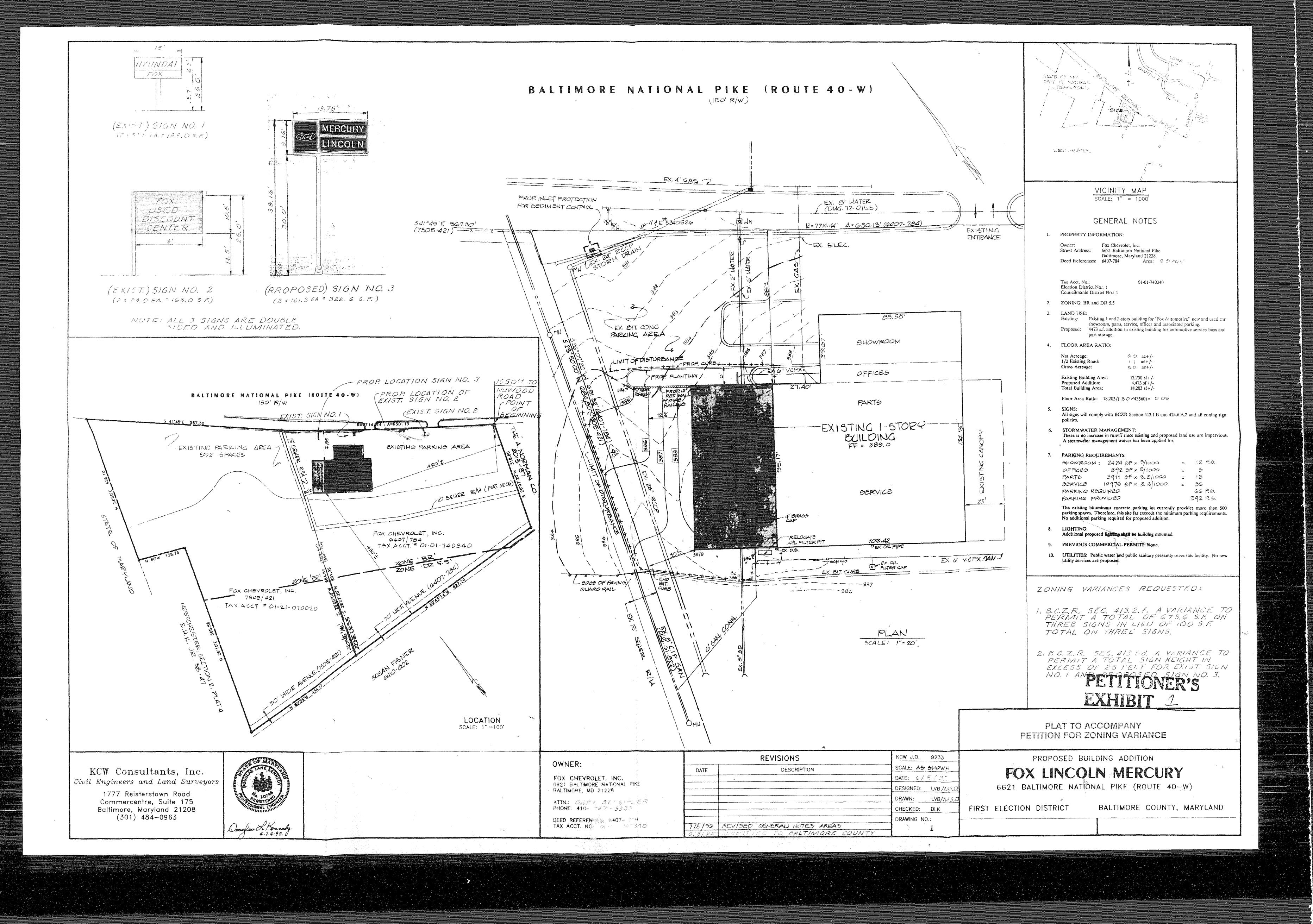


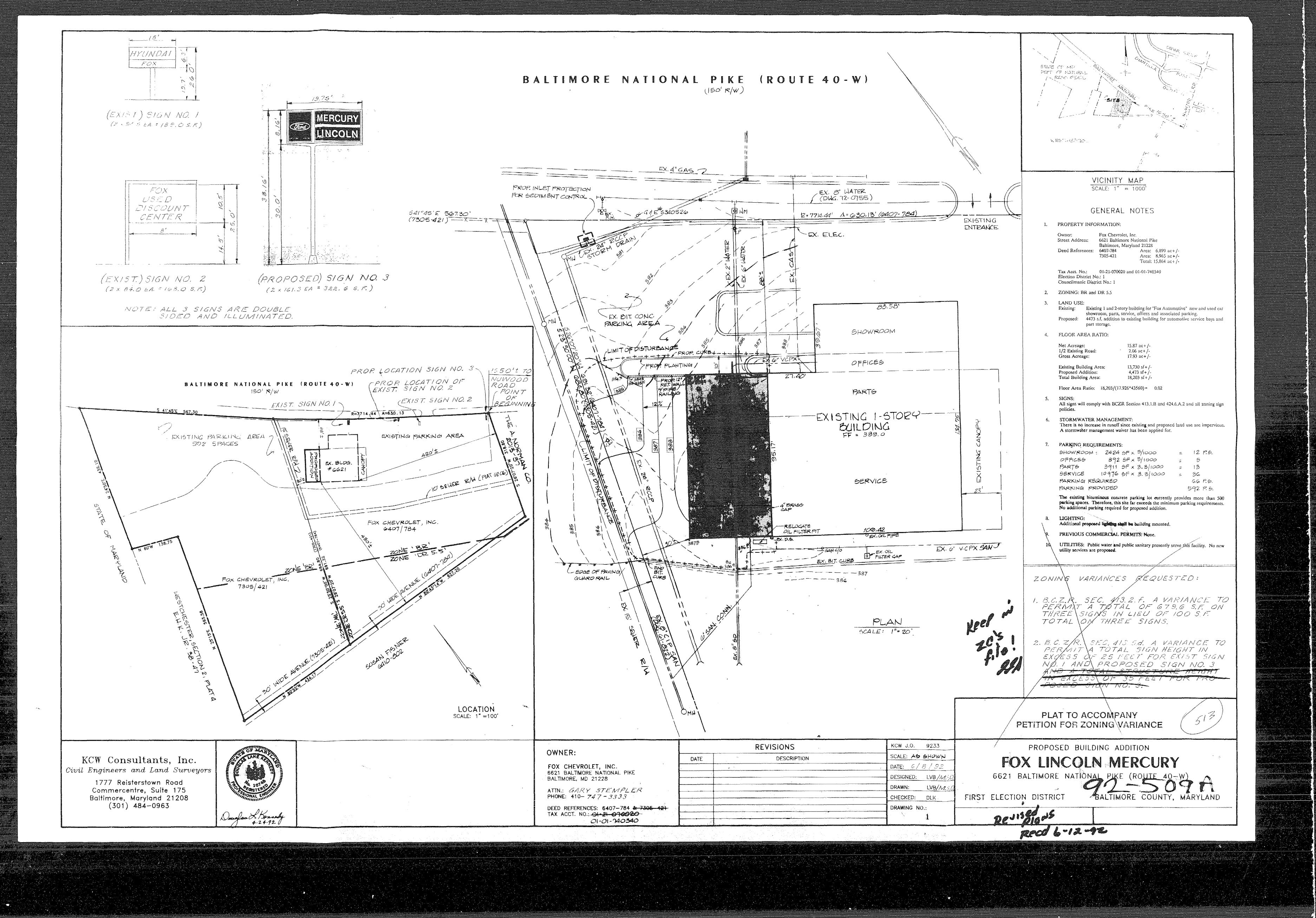
August 5, 1992 Mr. Charles Goldberg Fox Hyundai 6631 Baltimore National Pike Baltimore, MD 21228 RE: Fox Hyundai Primary Sign Dear Charles, It has come to my attention that you are considering altering your Hyundai primary sign by adding or splitting the sign with Lincoln Mercury and/or used cars. Please be advised that any alteration of your primary sign is a violation of Paragraph 16B(2)(o) of your Dealer Sales and Service Agreement and could result in the termination of the Hyundai franchise. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Very truly yours, Mike Parkins Mike Perkins Market Representation Manager cc: B. Harkins

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Northeast Region Sales & Marketing Office Lincoln-Mercury Division Ford Motor Company P.O. Box 5052 Mt. Laurer 1:J 08054 August 7, 1992 Mr. Charles Goldberg Fox Lincoln Mercury 6633 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21207 Dear Mr. Goldberg, As a condition of the Lincoln and Mercury Sales and Service Agreements which you signed May 1, 1992, you must provide appropriate company signage. Under the terms of the Lincoln Mercury Sign Contract you are not permitted to attach any item including other forms of dealership identification to the brand sign. If you do not provide company signage or if any miscellaneous items are attached to the Lincoln Mercury brand sign, you will be in violation of the Sales and Service Agreements and will be subject to termination of your







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PETITIONER'S
EXHIBIT 2

Fox Chevrolet, Inc.

Petitioner

* Case No. 92-509-A

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This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Fox Chevrolet, Inc., by and through their attorney, Charles B. Heyman, Esquire. The Petitioner requests relief from Section 413.2(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit three (3) identification signs of 679.6 sq.ft. total in lieu of the permitted 100 sq.ft., and from Section 413.5(d) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a height for Sign 1 of 26 feet and a height for Sign 3 of 38.16 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet for each, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Appearing and testifying on behalf of the Petitioner were Charles S. Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer, Douglas L. Kennedy, Professional Engineer, and Mickey Cornelius, Traffic Engineering Expert with The Traffic Group, Inc. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 6621 Baltimore National Pike, consists of a gross area of 8.0 acres, zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a one-story building consisting of a new and used car showroom, parts and service departments, office space, and associated parking in connection with the business known as Fox Automotive. The Petitioner is desirous of bringing a Lincoln Mercury dealership to the

subject site and plans to construct a 4473 sq.ft. addition on the northwest side of the existing building to provide additional automotive service bays and parts storage. Pursuant to their franchise agreement, the Petitioner is required to erect a Ford Lincoln Mercury sign on the premises. Testimony and evidence presented indicated that the proposed Ford Lincoln Mercury sign is the same size and design as those at other Lincoln Mercury dealerships in the metropolitan Baltimore area and that without the requested relief, practical difficulty will result. Currently, there are two signs on the property. Sign 1 identifying the Hyundai Fox dealership, contains 189.0 sq.ft. total, and is 26 feet in height. Sign 2 identifying the Fox Used Discount Center, contains 168.0 sq.ft. total and is 25 feet in height. Testimony indicated that the requested variance from height limitations for existing Sign 1 and proposed Sign 3 is necessary due to site limitations and the grade of the road at this location. Further testimony indicated that the remaining variances are necessary to bring

Mickey Cornelius testified that the existing and proposed signs will pose no detriment to traffic travelling along Baltimore National Pike in this area. Mr. Cornelius testified that the subject signage will enhance public safety by allowing potential customers the opportunity to identify the dealership in sufficient time to negotiate the turn into the property.

existing Signs 1 and 2 into compliance with current zoning regulations.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a

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permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted. such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 23 day of September, 1992 that the Petition for

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Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 413.2(f) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit three (3) identification signs of 679.6 sq.ft. total in lieu of the permitted 100 sq.ft., and from Section 413.5(d) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a height for Sign 1 of 26 feet and a height for Sign 3 of 38.16 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet for each, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) The variance granted herein is limited to the existing Signs 1 and 2 and the proposed Sign 3 for Ford Lincoln Mercury, all of which are more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. The Petitioner is prohibited from replacing any of these signs with a sign of another automobile manufacturer unless the replacement sign is approved by way of another public hearing.

> Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

> > 92-509-A

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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September 23, 1992

Charles B. Heyman, Esquire 20 S. Charles Street, 10th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE S/S Baltimore National Pike, 1650' W of the c/l of Norwood Drive (6621 Baltimore National Pike) 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District Fox Chevrolet, Inc. - Petitioner Case No. 92-509-A

Dear Mr. Heyman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3351.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY MAKOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: People's Counsel

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 6621 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore County which is presently sense BR 25-5.5 This Pettlon shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undereigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat situated hereto and made a part hereof, hereby pettion for a Variance from Section(s) 413.2(f) to allow 3 signs (sign #1 existing, sign #2 existing and to be relocated and sign #3 to be erected) having a total area of 679.6 square feet in lieu of a total area of 100 square feet and from § 413.5d to allow a total sign height for sign #1 of 26 feet, in lieu of 25 feet and a total sign height for sign #1 of 25 feet, all as shown on the Plat filed in this proceeding. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or 1. Lot grade and frontage and existing highway width and grade. 2. Other reasons to be shown at Hearing in this matter. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. FOX CHEVROLET, INC. 6633 Security Blvd. 265-7777 Baltimore, Md. 21201

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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR FOX LINCOLN MERCURY

BEGINNING at a point on the South side of Baltimore National Pike (U.S. Route 40) which is 150 feet wide at the distance of 1650 feet more or less West of the centerline of Nuwood Drive which is 70 feet wide; thence the following courses and distances:

South 26 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds West, 318.80 feet; North 80 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds West, 627.20 feet; North 26 degrees 07 minutes 20 seconds East 691.32 feet to a curve to the left having a central angle of 4 degrees 40 minutes 48 seconds and a radius of 7714.44 feet and a back tangent bearing South 41 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds East; Along said curve an arc distance of 630.13 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING as recorded in Deed Liber 6407 at Folio 784 and containing 6.899 acres. Also known as 6621 Baltimore National Pike and located in the 1st Election District.

M.S. Dallas, R.P.L.S. #10912

ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Fox Cherrolet Inc. pestion of property: 515 Baltimore National Pike, 1650' Wef c/1 Newood Drine 6621 Pultimar Waternal Pike Location of Signer 5/5 of Bultimore Wattorial Pike in front of subject property

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this

Petitioner: Fox Chevrolet, et al Petitioner's Attorney: Charles B. Heyman

9th day of June, 1992

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DATE: 7/21/92

Fox Chevrolet, Inc. 6633 Security Blvd. Baltimore, Maryland 21207

92-509-1 (Item 513) S/S Baltimore Metional Pike, 1650' W of c/l Mosmod Drive 6621 Baltimore Metional Pike 1st Election District - 1st Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Fox Chevrolet, Inc. HEARING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Building.

Dear Petitioner(s):

is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned property and hearing date.

THIS PER HOST BE PAID AND THE ZORING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

Please forward your check via return sail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesspeake Avenue, Room 109, Toumon, Haryland 21204. Place the case number on the check and make same payable to Baltimore County, Haryland. In order to avoid delay of the issuence of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this metter is suggested.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: June 26, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for June 29, 1992 Item Total

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The proposed addition is subject to compliance with the Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

Developers Engineering Division

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ZONING OFFICE

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

JULY 6, 1992

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herain in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Haryland 21204 as follows:

92-509-A (Item 513) S/S Baltimore National Pike, 1650' W of c/l Numood Drive 6621 Baltimore National Pike 1st Election District - 1st Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Fox Chevrolet, Inc. HEARING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Building.

Variance to allow 3 signs (sign #1 existing, sign #2 existing and to be relocated and sign #3 to be erected) having a total sign area of 679.6 sq. ft. in lieu of a total area of 100 sq. ft.; and to allow a total height for sign #1 of 26 feet, in lieu of 25 ft., and a total sign height for sign #3 of 38.16 ft., in lieu of 25 ft.

cc: Fox Chevrolet, Inc.

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 1, 1992

SUBJECT: Fox Chevrolet

SUPPLARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

lieu of 25 feet for sign #3.

FROM: Office of Planning and Zoning

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quest subject to the following recommendations.

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Fox Chevrolet

Zoning Administration & Development Management

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow 3 signs having a total area of 679.6 square feet in lieu of a total area of 100 square feet and to allow a

height for sign #1 of 26 feet in lieu of 25 feet and a height of 38.16 feet in

The Office of Planning and Zoning recommends APPROVAL of the petitioner's re-

The Baltimore County Master Plan 1989-2000 refers to the abundance of visual

clutter along Route 40 West where this site is located. The petitioner's request will worsen the existing problems along this corridor. The office's area planner

visited the site and found the sight lines, approaching from both directions, to be adequate. The height variance request, therefore, is not necessary for sign identification purposes. The Office of Planning and Zoming has no objection to a

sign identifying a new type of automobile, however, we do have reservations regarding the size and height of the proposed sign. Currently, there are two other signs on this property and each one exceeds the 100 square foot maximum allowed. One sign exceeds the maximum by 89 square feet, the other by 68 square feet and

they both were the subject of a sign variance. The new sign will exceed the

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Charles B. Heyman, Esquire 20 S. Charles Street, 10th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201

> RE: Item No. 513, Case No. 92-509-A Petitioner: Fox Chevrolet, et al Petition for Variance

July 20, 1992

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

maximum amount allowed by 222 square feet. As stated previously, there is not a need for a sign of this dimension and height. A possible solution to eliminating the oversized signs cluttering this particular site is to combine one or both of the existing signs onto the proposed new sign with some reduction in the overall signage being achieved.

In addition, the County through the development process has upgraded several projects along Route 40 between the beltway and the Patapsco River. Landscaping and street trees should be provided along the Route 40 street frontage.

The staff would be willing to work with the petitioner prior to the Zoning Commissioner issuance of Findings of Fact in order to reach a suitable compromise.

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